

November 24, 2024

10:00 AM

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
BECOMING LIKE CHRIST – MAKING HIM KNOWN



COME WORSHIP THE LORD!

PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

(Entering worship, let us prepare our hearts, reflecting on this.)

“Christian giving must flow from our understanding of that which God has done for us in Jesus Christ. It is fair to say that with most Christians the will to tithe (the will towards generosity) has been born of the surrender of the soul to the infinite love of God.” – Dr. Holmes Rolston
“As surely as the compass needle follows north, your heart will follow your treasure. Money leads: hearts follow.”
– Randy Alcorn

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

November Scripture: (Psalm 119:148-149 NLT)

I stay awake through the night, thinking about your promise.

In your faithful love, O Lord, hear my cry; let me be revived by following your regulations.

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

***HYMN:** “We Gather Together”

Hymnal #376

***THE PEACE**

***NEW TESTAMENT:** Psalm 145:10-21

Bible p. 622

***GOSPEL:** Matthew 6:19-24

Bible p.960

PRAYER TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER (Deuteronomy 6:10-12)

¹⁰ “So it shall be, when the Lord your God brings you into the land of which He [c]swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, ¹¹ houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—when you have eaten and are full— ¹² then beware, lest you forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

OFFERTORY: The Sherman Church Choir
(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

DOXOLOGY:

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

Hymnal #808

***HYMN:** “We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

Insert

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: “Roadblocks to Prayer: Loss of Gratitude”

2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:12-15

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

***HYMN:** “We Are Called to Be God’s People”

Hymnal #710

***BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**

POSTLUDE

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

**FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP**

NEXT WEEK: We begin the season of Advent, preparing our hearts and minds to open our hearts to the birth of a Savior. Our guest preacher will be Rev Blake Brown. Blake has been a pastor in Maine and is part of our CCCC fellowship.

Pastor and MaryAnne will be away for the next two Sundays, however, he is accessible by email and text.

ADVENT IS HERE!

Each Sunday we will begin worship with a traditional Advent Candle Ceremony. This year we will be looking at “Characters of Christmas” Advent Devotional booklets are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall table. Take them and make each day a preparation for the Christ to be born afresh in your heart this season.

THE CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

will be Sunday, Dec 15, during our 10:00 AM worship. Join us as we share the Christmas story.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Eliza Capehart, serving in the United States Air Force.
- John Langworthy, back injury.
- Brian Barnier, health.
- Jim Beddows, health.
- Nicole Thorp, health.
- Amos Munch, health.
- Jim and Christine Munch, health.
- Roberta Judd, health.
- Christopher Siebert, healing of foot.
- Jill Finch, health
- Betty Beatty, health
- Rev. Daniel Morton, health
- Mark Gerber, health
- Penny LeMasurier, health
- James L., health
- Betty Freeman, health
- Chris Freeman, Strength in the care of her mother

OUR MISSIONARIES:

Mesa Global: Robert & Nina Bruneau; 4C Church Re-Planting: Green Mountain Church, Chester, VT.; Lion of Judah Academy, Hope Academy of the Bronx.

DEACONS of the church are always available to meet with you, pray with you, and hear your concerns.

PRAYER IS ALWAYS OUR MISSION

Prayer is a vital part of our ministry at The Sherman Church.

You are invited to join in prayer each Thursday to pray for our church on a telephone conference call by **Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted use access code 357664#.**

You may also make a prayer request anytime by calling the church office. Our Church Administrator will ensure the prayer request is communicated to our Pastor and Deacons. Outside of office hours (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM) or for an emergency prayer or pastoral request contact the Chair of Deacons (deacon@shermanchurch.org or 860-921-1952) or the Pastor (pastor@shermanchurch.org or 860-350-5151). Let us join together in prayer!

FIRE EXITS are located at the rear of the sanctuary through the double doors and at the front through the doors on both sides of the altar.

THE SHERMAN CHURCH

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Continuing to invite all to know the love of Jesus

A MEMBER CHURCH OF THE CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

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ROADBLOCKS TO PRAYER

THE
SHERMAN
CHURCH

Thanksgiving
Sunday

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

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Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is back! Julie has returned for the season for Bible study every week. No Bible knowledge is necessary, and all women are welcome.



VETERANS HOSPITAL

THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL IN WEST HAVEN IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE RED BIN IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. THANK YOU! MISSIONS COMMITTEE AND HEARTS & CRAFTS

NEEDED ITEMS

- TOOTHPASTE
- DEODORANT: MENS AND WOMENS
- SHAVE CREAM: MENS AND WOMENS
- RAZORS: MENS AND WOMENS
- BOXERS: ALL SIZES
- T SHIRTS: ALL SIZES

PRAYER GUIDE SCHEDULE

WEEKS 1-10



- Week 1: Sept. 23-29
- Week 2: Sept. 30 - Oct. 6
- Week 3: Oct. 7 - 13th
- Week 4: Oct. 14 - 20th
- Week 5: Oct. 21 - 27th
- Week 6: Oct. 28 - Nov. 3
- Week 7: Nov. 4 - 10th
- Week 8: Nov. 11 - 17th
- Week 9: Nov. 18th - 24th
- Week 10: Nov. 25 - Dec.1st

OUR CHURCH:

- Pastor:** Rev. John Loring Carpenter, Interim Pastor
- Ministers:** The Congregation
- Minister of Music:** Carolyn Kopsick
- Moderator:** Edna Coons
- Chair of Deacons:** Charles Mastroni
- Co-Chair of Trustees:** Don Coons and Lynn Paulovicks
- Flowers:** Thanksgiving Committee
- Announcements:** Aimée Suhie
- Prayers of the People:** Suzanne Browning
- Reader:** Megan Tlasky
- Coffee Hour Host:** Barbara Hoag
- Nursery:** Anna Galasso
- Usher:** Charles Mastroni

CALENDAR
November 24th - November 30th, 2024
(Links for online meetings may be found at shermanchurch.org)

SUNDAY:

Worship Service at 10:00 A.M. (Also Live Streamed)

WEDNESDAY:

Women's Bible Study at 10:00 AM - Fellowship Hall
AA at 7:00 P.M - Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY:

Prayer In The Parlor at 6:45 P.M
Dial-in Number: 667-770-1484; when prompted access code 357664#.
AA at 7:00 P.M - Fellowship Hall

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



You can still donate online, you may choose what items you want Samaritan's Purse to put in your shoebox or you may just ask them to choose items. You may also follow your shoebox online to its destination. If you donate online, please do so through the Sherman Church website so we can track how many boxes were filled online.



<https://sampur.se/4fMDHZH>

Thank you for supporting this popular mission once again.

HELPING HANDS



Helping Hands will be a support team available to assist with preparations for upcoming events, programs, and various church outreach activities. When a committee or church event requires additional help—such as setting up, stuffing envelopes, and more—a request will be sent out to check your availability to lend a hand.

If you're interested in joining this team, please find the sign-up sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall or notify Jess in the office.

FIRST FRIDAY

Please join us as we rejoice in songs of our Christmas Season and decorate our spruce tree outside of the sanctuary.

**First Friday Night Together
December 6, 6:30pm**

We need help getting our tree ready for Christmas and this is how you can help. We ask each family to bring an outdoor ornament for our tree. It can be homemade, new or an ornament of memories. If you do not have an ornament, that is okay too.

We will have ornaments that you can add your name to and hang on our tree. When our season is over, we will pack them safely away and add to them next year.

Our voices will join inside Fellowship Hall with piano music of Julie Astbury and enjoy refreshments of the season.

Sponsored by the Book of Remembrance Committee and the Board of Trustees.

**THE SHERMAN CHURCH
6 CHURCH ROAD,
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Come

Spend

The
Christmas
Season
at

THE SHERMAN CHURCH

Characters of Christmas

Dec. 1st, 10:00 AM

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Candlelight Ceremony ~ Zachariah

Dec. 6th, 6:00 PM

FIRST FRIDAY

Christmas Carol Sing A-Long

Dec. 7th, 7:00 PM

LIVE MUSIC AND OPEN MIC NIGHT

Featured Indie Rock Artists Astronauts

Dec. 8th, 10:00 AM

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Candlelight Ceremony ~ Elizabeth

Dec. 15th, 10:00 AM

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Candlelight Ceremony ~ Mary

Children's Christmas Pageant

Dec. 22nd, 10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

Candlelight Ceremony ~ Joseph

Dec. 24th, 7:30 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Service

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We Plow the Fields and Scatter

*Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Psa. 145:16 Every good gift... is from above. Jas. 1:17
All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. 1 Chr. 29:14; 1 Cor. 3:7*

1. We plow the fields and scat - ter The good seed on the land, But it is fed and
2. He on - ly is the Mak - er Of all things near and far; He paints the way-side
3. We thank Thee then, O Fa - ther, For all things bright and good, The seed-time and the

wa - tered By God's al - might - y hand: He sends the snow in win - ter,
flow - er, He lights the eve - ning star; The winds and waves o - bey Him,
har - vest, Our life, our health, our food; Ac - cept the gifts we of - fer

The warmth to swell the grain, The breez - es, and the sun - shine, And soft, re - fresh - ing rain.
By Him the birds are fed; Much more to us, His chil - dren, He gives our dai - ly bread.
For all Thy love im - parts, And what Thou most de - sir - est—Our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain
All good gifts a - round us Are sent from heav'n a - bove;

Then thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord, For all His love.

WORDS: Martinus Claudius, pub. 1782; tr. by Jane M. Campbell, 1861; alt. MUSIC: "Wir Pflügen"; Johann A. P. Schulz, 1800, Public Domain.

ADVENT IS COMING: In a few weeks we begin the season of Advent. A special part of worship is the Advent Candle Ceremony as we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Christ. It consists of scripture reading and a brief thought about Advent. Pastor ahs prepared the readings and is seeking five individuals or families who can lead this during the beginning of worship. If you are willing speak with the pastor or place this in the offering place today.

(We) can share the Advent Candle Ceremony on these dates:

Dec 1 Dec 8 Dec 15 Dec 22

Christmas Eve, Dec 24

NAME(S) _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____